

**PHOENIX FIELD OFFICE
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)
COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS (CX)**

Proposed Action Title/Type: FREEMAN CLEANUP

NEPA#: AZ-210-2005-0038

Related#: AZA-30287 (Cliff Freeman)

Location of Proposed Action: T. 8 N., R. 2 E., Section 20, S½SE¼SE¼; G&SRM, Arizona
T. 8 N., R. 2 E., Section 29, NE¼; G&SRM, Arizona

Description of Proposed Action: Remove structure, equipment and trash from Mr. Freeman's mining claim(s).

PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW. This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: *Name of Plan:* Phoenix RA RMP. *Decision and page no.:* _____. *Date approved:* December 1989. This proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (*43 CFR 1610.5-3, BLM Manual 1601.04.C.2*).

PART II - CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

A. Verification of Listing: This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under Department Manual 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, H (10) – Removal of structures and materials of nonhistorical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass, and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.

And

B. Exception Review: 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 provides for the review of the following criteria to determine if exceptions apply to this project.

IMPORTANT: Appropriate staff should determine exception, comment and initial for concurrence. If exceptions apply to the action or project, and existing NEPA documentation does not address the exception, then further NEPA analysis is required.

CRITERIA	COMMENT (yes/no)	STAFF INITIAL
1. Has significant adverse effects on public health and safety.	NO	
2. Adversely affects unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, flood plains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department of the Interior National Register of Natural Landmarks.	NO	
3. Has highly controversial environmental effects.	NO	
4. Has highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involves unique or unknown environmental risks.	NO	
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about a future action with potentially significant environmental effects.	NO	

6. Is related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.	NO	
7. Adversely affects properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic places.	NO	See attached clearance
8. Affects a species listed or proposed to be listed in the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or adversely affects the species critical habitat.	NO	See attached clearance
9. Requires compliance with Executive Order 11988 Flood Plain Management, 11990 Protection for Wetlands, or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.	NO	
10. Threatens to violate a Federal, State, local, or Tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment	NO	

PART III - SIGNATURES FOR COMPLIANCE

PREPARER: Matthew N. Plis, Mining Engineer

DATE:

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST: Matthew N. Plis, Mining Engineer

DATE:

PART IV - DECISION. I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures identified below.

MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER REMARKS:

The site has no cultural significance. The act of removing the structure, equipment and trash and reclaiming the site will have a positive effect on the visual characteristics of the area.

Cultural clearance has been completed for the site. (clearance attached)

No T&E habitat or species are present in this area. (clearance attached)

There are no energy development, production, supply and/or distribution facilities located on or near the site of this proposed project. This action will not have a direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply and/or distribution.

APPROVING OFFICIAL:

DATE:

